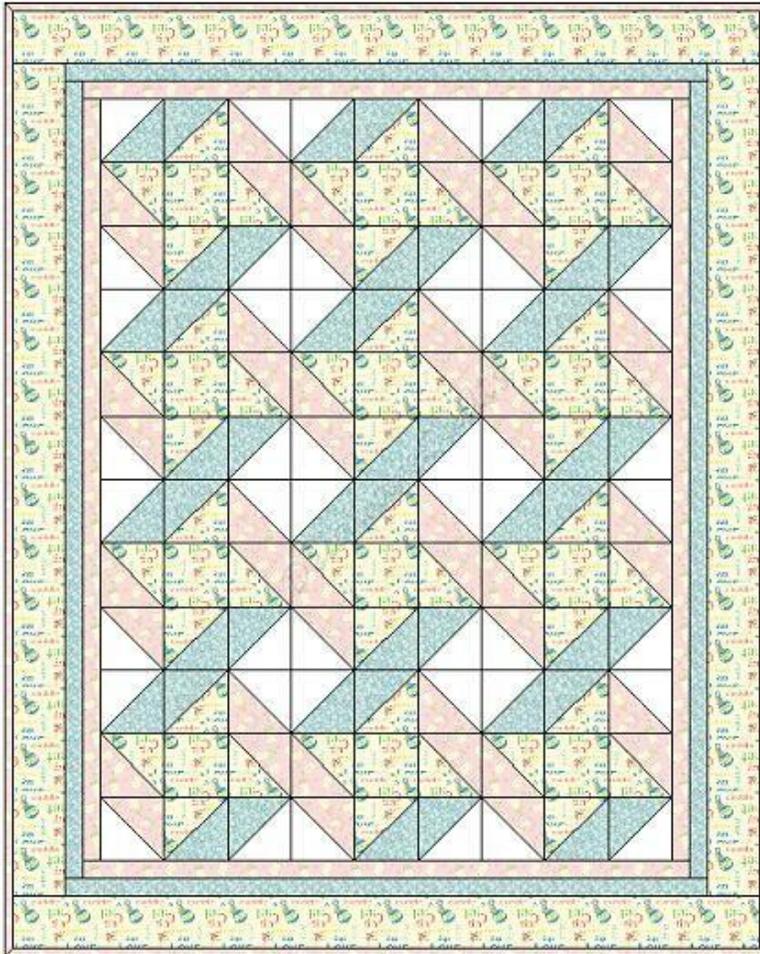


# Delaware Quilts



## Ribbon Quilt Quilt

Yes, this block is called a quilt so I guess a quilt made from the Ribbon Quilt block would be called a Ribbon Quilt Quilt. It is an easy block and when put together, the background weaves like a ribbon from block to block.

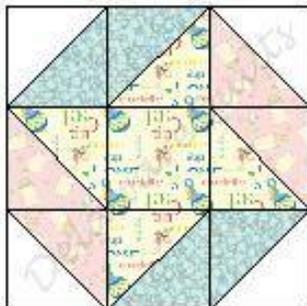


I've always liked this block pattern and have made a few table runners and wall hangings using just this block. I even used it for a guild challenge one year, making a miniature Ribbon Quilt wall hanging. (Each block was just 3")

Something I have always wanted to make is a baby quilt but I have never found just the right fabric, in a store anyway. I did find a line of fabrics at Benartex which I copied into my Electric Quilt and will use that as the sample for this project.

The blocks will be 12 1/2 inches when you are done putting them together, or 12 inches when put in the quilt. For my baby quilt I'm going to use just 12 squares, setting them 4 rows of 3 blocks. I will be showing three borders, but you can use as many or as few as you want. You may make your quilt one block at a time or you can make all the parts first and then put together each block. I will give you directions for both.

First for just one Ribbon Quilt block you will need:



From your baby print cut two 4 7/8 inch squares and one 4 1/2 inch square

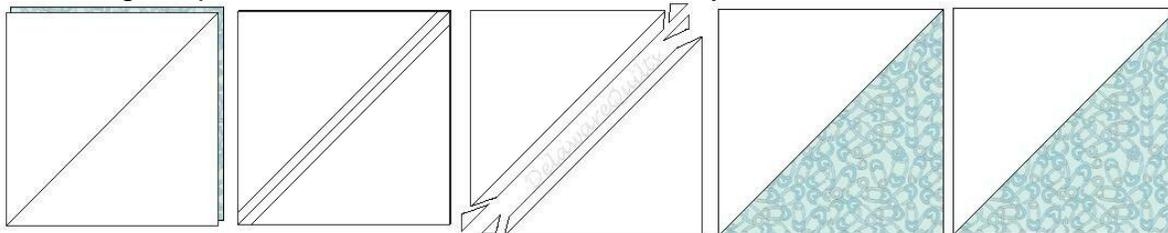
From your blue cut two 4 7/8 inch squares

From the pink cut two 4 7/8 inch squares

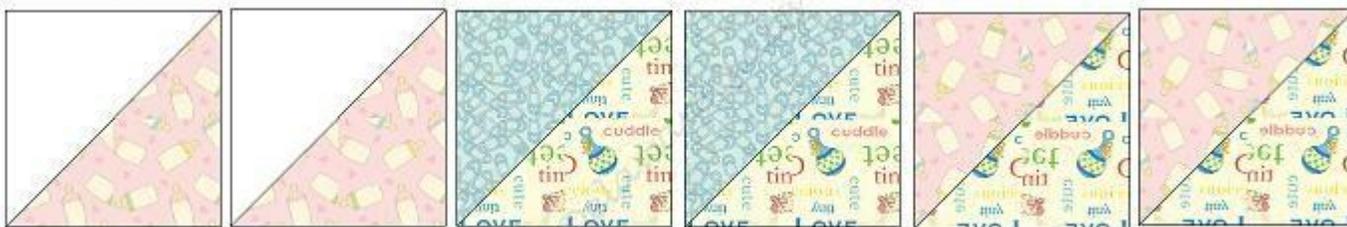
From your background (white) cut two 4 7/8 inch squares

First we will make all the triangle squares. Follow the same directions for all of the 4 7/8 inch squares. We'll start with blue and white squares.

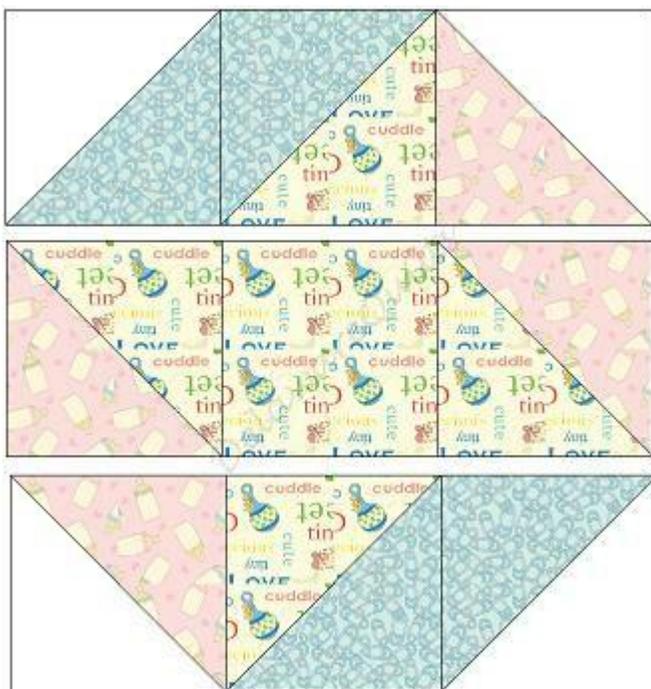
Place a blue 4 7/8 inch square and a background square right sides together. Carefully draw a line down the center, corner to corner, diagonally across the square. (This will be a cutting line when you are finished.) If you have a true 1/4 inch foot on your machine, you can sew on either side of this drawn line. If not, you will have to draw a second line on either side, exactly 1/4 inch from the first line. This will be your sewing line. After you have sewn on your sewing line, 1/4 inch on either side of your corner to corner line, cut this square in half on the cutting line. You have just made two triangle squares, which should measure exactly 4 1/2 inches. Press to the blue.



Repeat these steps and make two pink and white triangle squares, two blue and baby print triangle squares and two pink and baby print triangle squares.



Now you have enough pieces to make one block.



For a 12 block baby quilt as shown on page one you need eleven more blocks.

From your 12 block baby print cut twenty-two 4 7/8 inch squares and eleven 4 1/2 inch more squares

From your blue cut twenty-two 4 7/8 inch more squares

From the pink cut twenty-two 4 7/8 inch more squares

From your background (white) cut twenty-two 4 7/8 inch more squares.

If you want to cut them all one at a time, you certainly may. However, I have an easier way to make all those triangle squares.

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For twelve Ribbon Quilt blocks you will need:

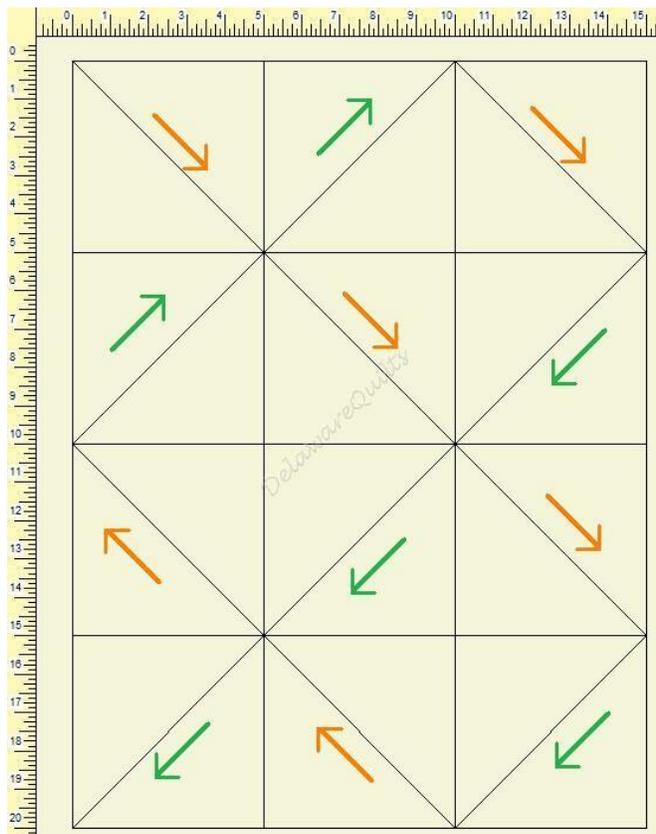
From your baby print cut twenty-four  $4 \frac{7}{8}$  inch squares and twelve  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  inch squares

From your blue cut twenty-four  $4 \frac{7}{8}$  inch squares

From the pink cut twenty-four  $4 \frac{7}{8}$  inch squares

From your background (white) cut twenty-four  $4 \frac{7}{8}$  inch squares

You can make 12 at a time easily. To start cut a piece of background fabric and one of the other colors you need at least 16 by 21 inches.



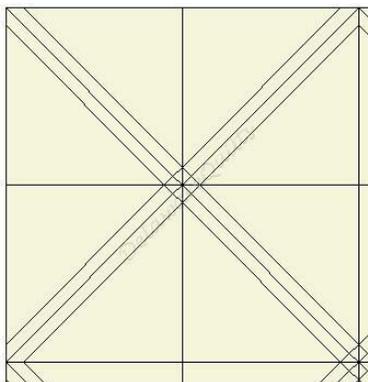
Draw a grid of squares on your fabric. Use 5 inch squares which are easier to mark. Then draw a line diagonally through the center of the squares as show here. These will be your cutting lines so you may use a pencil to mark them if you wish.

You will be sewing two pieces of fabric together, but you only need to mark one. After one is marked place the two fabrics right sides together, and press.

Next step is to sew, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance on all sides of the diagonal lines.

On this diagram the orange and green lines show you that you can sew this in one continuous line.

Start on a corner and sew to the outside of the grid on the next corner, put the needle down, and pivot, then continue sewing. If you follow the directions of the orange and green arrows, it can be done in one continuous line of sewing.



If you do not have a true  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch foot, you can mark the  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch lines. Mark  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on both sides of the diagonal lines. These lines will be your sewing lines.

When they are all sewn, cut them up into squares on the first grid lines you drew. Finish by cutting down the middle of the square on the diagonal lines you drew, and press. Finally you have to square all these blocks to  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Repeat until you have all of the pieces you need, put them together one block at a time, and then put them all together as diagrammed on page 1. Add borders as desired, or don't put any on at all. It's your Ribbon Quilt Quilt, so do what you want!

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